

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 16, 2005. Claims 1-24 and 38-48 are presented for examination. Claims 1, 13, 24, 39-41 and 45 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 46-48 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 13, 24, 39-41 and 45-48 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, 15, 18, 20, 24, 40, 41, 44 and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001-0032218A1 (Huang); and Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 10-12, 14, 16-17, 19, 21-23, 38 and 42-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,351,317 (Sasaki).

As shown above, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 13, 24, 39-41 and 45 in terms that more clearly define what he regards as his invention. Applicant submits that these amended independent claims and new independent Claims 46-48, together with the remaining claims dependent thereon, are patentably distinct from the cited prior art for at least the following reasons.

Independent Claim 1 is directed to an image processing apparatus for generating image data of a document by processing document data representing the document and described in a predetermined structured description language. The apparatus comprises analysis means for analyzing the document data and recognizing font size information contained in the document data. The font size information is information on the font size applied to a

character or a character train contained in the document represented by the document data. The analysis means also recognizes the character or the character train contained in the document represented by the document data to which the font size information is applied.

The apparatus also comprises instruction input means for entering information relating to a standard font size to be used for formatting the document data for printing on at least one physical page, and drawing means for executing a drawing process such that data representing the character or the character train recognized by the analysis means is outputted for printing on the at least one physical page at the standard font size entered by the instruction input means instead of the font size represented by the font size information contained in the document data. The document data does not include the concept of page.

Among other notable feature of Claim 1 is that the document data does not include the concept of page.

In contrast, the publication to Huang is understood to merely relate to a method for producing structured documents with user-defined document type definitions and to provide a document conversion process for converting an unstructured document into a metafile and modifying the metafile in accordance with received document type definitions (paragraphs [0003], [0011], and [0013]). But this patent is not understood to disclose or suggest at least an image processing apparatus that processes document data which does not include a concept of page, as recited by amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Huang also fails to disclose or suggest analysis means for analyzing such document data, or input means for entering information relating to a standard font size to be used for formatting such document data.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is allowable over Huang.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 1.

Independent Claims 13, 24, 39-41 and 45 recite features similar to those discussed above with respect to Claim 1 and, therefore, are also believed to be patentable over cited prior art for the reasons discussed above.

Claim 46 is directed to an image processing apparatus for generating image data of a document by processing document data representing the document and described in a predetermined structured description language. The apparatus comprises analysis means for analyzing character information included in the document data, and output means for executing an output process such that even if the document data includes designation of a certain font size for a character corresponding to the character information analyzed by the analysis means, the character may be outputted at a different font size. The analysis means determines, based on a base font size designated in the document data and a desired output font size entered, a magnification to be applied to the character information analyzed by the analysis means such that a character for which the base font size is designated may be outputted at the desired output font size. The output means executes the output process based on the magnification determined by said analysis means.

Applicant submits that nothing in Huang teaches or suggests the analysis means or the output means recited in Claim 46.

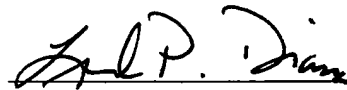
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 46.

Independent Claims 47 and 48 are method and storage medium claims, respectively, corresponding to apparatus Claim 46, and are believed to be patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 46.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are, therefore, believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable continued examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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